



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

## Western Limited Level 2 Riding Test

Western Level 2

\_\_\_\_ Passed

\_\_\_\_ Retest

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H County: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Rater's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rater's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coat Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_

Obvious Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** To pass this level, the 4-H member must receive "met expectations" or higher for each section of the test. Level 2 asks the rider to show confidence, control, and more advanced horsemanship skills. Riders must use legal tack and equipment including a standard western bit with shanks or, if riding a junior horse, a snaffle or bosal (two hands to be used).

**Excellent (E)** If applied to specific maneuvers, they were consistently executed correctly and fluidly. If applied to an overall impression, it was correct/present during all parts of the test.

**Proficient (P)** If applied to specific maneuvers, they were executed correctly most of the time and generally fluidly with minor flaws. If applied to an overall impression, it was present correctly and consistently throughout the test with minor lapses.

**Met expectations (ME)** If applied to specific maneuvers, they were executed correctly but may be better on one side than the other, or execution was inconsistent. It's clear that the rider can apply the aids correctly. If applied to an overall impression, the basics are present, but elements may have been briefly incorrect or absent during the test. Rider may have needed prompting (not teaching!) from the rater.

**Not Yet Proficient (NYP)** If one or more of these is true to a greater or lesser degree: Rider is unable to produce the maneuver in one or both directions. Aids are applied but ineffective at producing the desired maneuver. Horse repeatedly balks or misbehaves. Rider asks rater how to execute a maneuver.

**Rater:** Forms should be filled out the day of the test and submitted to the member's extension office within a week.

\*\*If the size or physical strength prevents saddling or bridling, someone may assist with instructions given by the member.

	Rating: E, P, ME, NYP	Rater's Comments
<b>Basic handling</b> A. Properly halter, lead and tie a horse		
B. Fitting, grooming, clipping; use of tools on mane, tail, body, legs and feet.		
C. **Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment		



<b>Showmanship</b> A. Walk, and trot a 90 degree bend B. Set-up, stand for inspection, then back 4 steps C. Perform a 180 degree turn		
<b>Riding</b> A. Demonstrate the aids for the following upward and downward transitions in both directions: 1) walk to jog 2) jog to lope 3) walk to lope		
B. Demonstrate the aids for the following upward and downward transitions in both directions: 1) lope to jog 2) lope to walk 3) jog to walk		
C. Show a balanced stop from walk, jog, and lope on a straightaway		
D. Back three to four steps in a straight line.		
E. Demonstrate figures of 8 at the lope, with sufficient loops to show lead changes through the walk or jog in both directions. Begin the maneuver from a stop or a walk.		
F. Show simple changes of lead on a straight away. Do a minimum of 3 changes, each dropping to a walk or jog. More than one straightaway may be used to provide sufficient room for the changes to occur.		
G. Turn on the hindquarters of 180 degrees, in both directions.		
H. Turn on the forehand: 180 degrees in both directions		
I. Overall riding ability: body position, hands, and legs, knowledge of leads.		
J. Poise and attitude		